

A Statement of Purpose

The Archives of Sexual Behavior: An Interdisciplinary Research Journal will attempt to bring together findings from the several academic disciplines investigating human sexuality. Research data on sexual behavior are emerging at an accelerating rate. Inspection of the past year's *Index Medicus* and *Psychological Abstracts* reveals hundreds of noteworthy papers published throughout the world addressed directly to this subject. They were from psychologists, psychiatrists, neuroendocrinologists, ethologists, psychoanalysts, geneticists, and social scientists. Unfortunately for the student of sexual behavior, these papers were published in literally dozens of journals, rendering it a practical impossibility to maintain a scholarly awareness of that material. An additional deficiency in effective communication among these investigators derives from man's inefficient system of language. Of the scores of innovative papers published last year, one-third were in a variety of languages other than English.

The *Archives of Sexual Behavior* hopes to be the first journal to collate effectively research contributions of consistently high caliber from scholars throughout the world. It hopes to incorporate, among others, the research strategies of the clinician, including the psychoanalyst and behavior therapist, with the perspective of the social scientist and the findings of the laboratory investigator. Associate Editors and members of the Editorial Board have been selected to maximize this potential. The *Archives of Sexual Behavior* will also translate selected non-English-language research papers and make them available in summary form to an English-language readership.

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